



**ILLINOIS CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE**

November 12, 2015

The Honorable Adam Kinzinger
1221 Longworth HOB
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representative Kinzinger:

On November 17th, the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology has scheduled a hearing on the "Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission". As a statewide organization that represents nearly 3,000 Illinois businesses from all sectors of our economy, we are writing to express the need for the FCC to encourage a regulatory approach that fosters investment and innovation necessary in order to ensure the deployment of new technology and global competition.

In order to achieve this goal, the Illinois Chamber believes that in this ever evolving and rapidly changing business environment it is critical that the FCC maintain a light regulatory touch. Technological advances have dramatically changed the industry resulting in outdated regulations which are often counterproductive and result in significant red tape. By maintaining a light regulatory touch, the FCC will promote innovation, spur competition and drive investments that build out new networks and services to businesses and consumers. This infrastructure and innovation is what business needs to grow and be successful.

An FCC which overreaches can quickly become a weight that very quickly places American companies at a competitive disadvantage from better supported global competitors. For example, in the past the FCC has approached the Internet with a flexible and open policy allowing for growth and development. However, under the Obama administration the FCC now wants to move backward from this successful policy instead turning to failed policies of the old monopoly telephone system. This simply goes too far. We would recommend policies which have the right regulatory balance furthering broadband deployment to all areas of the state and resulting in driving a globally competitive and healthy economy.

This commonsense approach will have a positive impact on our economy today and in the years to come. In your upcoming subcommittee hearing, we would request that you consider these points as you formulate questions for the hearing. This is an incredibly exciting time in telecommunications and the powerful tools it provides American business, please express to the FCC this dynamic and their important role in overseeing this ever changing environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Todd C. Maisch". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Todd Maisch
President and CEO